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Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.<sup>\*</sup> 紫金礦業集團股份有限公司 (a joint stock limited company incorporated in the People's Republic of China with limited liability)

(Stock code: 2899)

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd. \* (the "**Company**") refers to its earlier announcement dated 31 January 2011.

This announcement relates to the incident concerning the leakage of waste water at Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine copper hydro-metallurgical plant of the Company in July 2010. Fujian Province Longyan City Xinluo District People's Court (the "Court") issued a criminal judgement [(2011) Longxinxingchuzi No. 31] on 30 January 2011, which determined that the defendant, Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine of the Company, had committed a serious offence relating to environmental pollution and was fined the sum of RMB30 million. The Court allowed a deduction of the administrative fine ordered by the Fujian Environmental Protection Bureau. After deduction of the administrative fine in the sum of RMB9,563,130 which has already been paid, the defendant must pay a balance of RMB20,436,870. The other five individual defendants have been sentenced to imprisonments for 3 to 4 years and 6 months with fines. The Company and other five individual defendants did not agree with the sentence and filed an appeal with the Fujian Province Longyan City Middle People's Court. The hearing of the case has been completed. The Company has recently received the criminal judgment [(2011) Yanxingzhongzi No. 42] of the Fujian Province Longyan City Middle People's Court. The Longyan City Middle People's Court upheld the decision item one in [(2011) Longxinxingchuzi No. 31] issued by the Court, which was that: "Zijinshan Gold and Copper Mine of the Company committed a serious offence relating to environmental pollution and was fined the sum of RMB30 million. The Court allowed a deduction of the administrative fine ordered by the Fujian Environmental Protection Bureau. After deduction of the administrative fine in the sum of RMB9,563,130 which has already been paid, the defendant must pay a balance of RMB20,436,870 within 15 days from the effective day of this order. The other five individual defendants have been sentenced to imprisonment for 3 to 3 years and 6 months (some individual defendants with suspended sentence) with fines".

The verdict in this hearing is the final verdict.

## Investors and shareholders are advised to exercise caution when dealing in the shares of the Company.

This announcement is made by the Company on a voluntary basis.

As at the date of this announcement, the Board of Directors of the Company comprises Messrs. Chen Jinghe (Chairman), Luo Yingnan, Liu Xiaochu, Lan Fusheng, Huang Xiaodong, and Zou Laichang as executive directors, Mister. Peng Jiaqing as non-executive director, and Messrs. Su Congfu, Chen Yuchuan, Lin Yongjing, and Wang Xiaojun as independent non-executive directors.

> By Order of the Board of Directors Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd.\* Chen Jinghe Chairman

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\* The Company's English name is for identification purpose only